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Amendments to the Specification

Please replace the paragraph at page 6, lines 17 to 24, with the following amended paragraph:

Elastomeric portions of the handle herein are preferably made of a thermoplastic elastomer having a hardness from about 10 to about 90 Shore A, more preferably from about 50 to about 80 Shore A and most preferably about 70 Shore A. Suitable materials include those available under the tradenames Megol, Santoprene and Multibase. Silicone elastomers are also useful. Preferably the handle comprise a unitarily moulded skeleton onto which the elastomer areas are moulded in a separate injection moulding step. Preferably all the elastomer areas are interconnected to allow single-point ~~single-point~~ injection moulding.

Please replace the paragraph at page 7, lines 4 to 16, with the following amended paragraph:

Referring now to the drawings in detail wherein like numerals indicate the same element throughout the views there is shown in Figures I to 6 a handle according to the invention generally indicated as 1. The handle comprises first, second and third grip portions indicated respectively as 2, 3 and 4. The handle further comprises a slim neck 5 and has a head 6 integrally attached to distal end of the handle 1. In the preferred embodiment the head 6 has bristles extending from the upper face of the head 6, these are not shown however. In this embodiment the head, neck and second grip-portion are all part of ~~an~~ a unitarily formed polypropylene skeleton which extends the entire length of the brush.

Please see the abstract on the attached separate sheet.